

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The paper then moves on to discuss the challenges of conducting research in culturally diverse settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local informants and the development of culturally appropriate research instruments. The final part of the paper discusses the importance of ethical considerations in cross-cultural research. It emphasizes the need for researchers to obtain informed consent from participants and to ensure that their research does not cause harm or exploitation. The paper concludes by noting that while cross-cultural research presents many challenges, it is also a valuable way to gain a deeper understanding of the world and to promote cultural understanding and respect.

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Sunday September 20, 2026 10:30 am

17th Sunday after Pentecost – WELCOME SUNDAY

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to remind us that God is with us. The light of Christ in the church and in the world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Land Acknowledgement

We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Announcements

Welcoming of New Members

Opening Hymn: 296 “This is God’s Wonderous World”

Call to Worship

One: Come from your homes and your weekday lives, come from your worry and your waiting, come into this house of God.

All: we gather here, together.

One: Today we welcome new members, and covenant with our Sunday school, and share a meal after worship

All: this is what God's family looks like.

One: In the wilderness, God spread a table when none seemed possible, and here we do the same.

All: come, let us worship.

Gathering Prayer (unison)

God of the wilderness and the wide sky:

We gather here, coming from our busy lives into this time of worship.

Thank you for feeding us when we did not know how we would be fed.

Soften what is guarded in us, and open our hearts to those we welcome today.

**Breathe through our doubts, sing through our music, and stir within our quietest reflections,
open us to your presence in our midst today.**

Amen.

Children's Hymn: MV 92 "Like a Rock" (2 x's)

Learning the Faith: Covenant with the Sunday School

Choir Anthem

Scripture

Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: We Wander Better Together

Hymn: MV 41 "O Beautiful Gia"

Offering

Offering Song: MV 191 "What Can I Do" (2x's)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: #226 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Commissioning

One: We have been fed through this worship, and now we are sent back into the world.

All: We go to be Christ's hands and heart.

One: Love your neighbour, the one you know, and the one you don't know yet.

All: We go to love as we have been loved.

One: Welcome the stranger for we too have been strangers.

All: We go to welcome as we have been welcomed.

One: It is not easy out there, but we do not go empty-handed, and we do not go alone.

All: God is with us, we go to feed as we have been fed, and we go together. Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Please give a warm AUC
Welcome to our newest
members **Peggy Vandervoort,**

Jeffery Walton and Margaret Shugg. Please join us for a potluck
after service in the hall to celebrate our new members!

All Welcome!

Worldwide Communion Sunday: October 4

Breads from the World

This World Wide Communion Sunday, we'd love our table to reflect the many places our congregation calls home. Would you be willing to bring a loaf of bread from your heritage or family tradition to share on our communion table that morning? We're hoping for five or six loaves in total. Please let Heather know by September 27th, if you'd like to sign up, so we can make sure we have enough loaves and a variety.



September 27th

is Orange Shirt Sunday

Please wear your orange shirt on Sunday in recognition of Every Child Matters to show your support.

Opportunities to Join Our Youth in Walking the Reconciliation Path...

Urgent Request From Cat Lake First Nation



After being evacuated this summer due to the wildfires, the need for socks, mitts, scarves and hats for the children of The Lawrence Wesley Education Centre is urgent. Our Youth Group will be collecting new clothing items to ship to this fly-in community over the next few weeks. Sizes are from Children's Small to Children's Large to provide for the Kindergarten through Grade 6 kids.

Thank you for any help you can provide.

Gifts From the Land Sale

Our Youth Group's popular natural fall decor sale will take place on two dates: Saturday, September 26th, at Baker Bob's, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm and after church on Sunday, September 27th, 11:30-12:15. Items that will be available include: lavender sachets, fire starters, and bundles; corn stalks; pumpkins and gourds; straw flower bundles; fresh herb bundles; fresh flower bouquets; teasel, poppy heads and dried grasses; turkey feathers... everything you

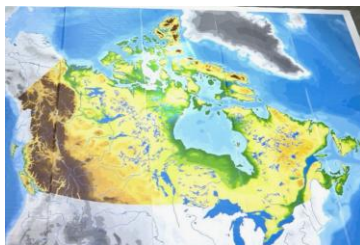
need for your fall decorations. ALL ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE BY DONATION with proceeds going to SchoolBOX, partnering with Indigenous schools and communities to build Indigenous libraries and learning spaces with requested resources. Come learn about this fall's install in the Grassy Narrows High School

MAPPING THE GROUND WE STAND ON

Saturday October 17th 1-4PM

Almonte United Church

In 2015, as part of its commitment to support the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Anglican Church of Canada, through [Alongside Hope](#) developed the Education for Reconciliation resource, [Mapping the Ground We Stand On](#). This interactive, in person, workshop, also known as the Mapping Exercise, invites participants to explore Indigenous presence on the map of Turtle Island/Canada, the history of Settler arrival, and the relationship of one to the other. It offers an opportunity for learning and reflection on the concepts of [Terra Nullius \(empty land\)](#), [the Doctrine of Discovery](#)



As one of our actions towards Truth and Reconciliation, **Almonte United Church** is inviting you to participate in the Alongside Hope Mapping Exercise facilitated by *Karen Luyendyk (St Paul's Anglican Church in Almonte)* and *Audrey Lawrence (St Helen's Anglican Church in Orleans)*.

Register by October 1st: There is a maximum number we can accommodate. If there is significant interest over that number, we'll do it again soon 😊

Contact: Evelyn Ironside at evelyn.ironside@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday to Friday

8:30 Almonte Co-Operative Nursery School

Monday, September 21

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, September 23

11:00 Vicki Lafleur Exercise

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, September 24

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio

Friday, September 25

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

6:00 Beth Anne Wellness

Saturday, September 26

11:30 & 4:30 Mississippi Mills Youth Centre Soup fundraiser

Sunday, September 27

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



